

SATURDAY .... MARCH 2ND, '07.

## THE MASQUERADERS.

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easy movement, "out slacking has different effects. Some men run to seed, others mature. I had almost put you down on the black list, but I've altered my mind in the last two months."

Again Loder stirred in his seat. A host of emotions were stirring in his mind. Every word wrung from Lakeley was another stimulus to pride, another subtle tribute to the curious force of

"Well?" he said. "Well?" Lakeley smiled. "We all know that Sefborough's ministry is-well, topheavy," he said. "Sefborough is building his eard house just a story too high. It's a toss up what'll upset the balance. It might be the army, of course, or it might be education, but it might quite as well be a matter of foreign policy?"

They looked at each other in compre-

hensive silence.

"You know as well as I that it's not the question of whether Russia comes into Persia, but the question of whether Russia goes out of Persia when these Hazaras are subdued! I'll lay you what you like, Chilcote, that within one week we hear that the risings are suppressed, but that Russia, instead of retiring, has advanced those tempting twenty miles and comfortably ensconced her self at Meshed-as she ensconced herself on the Island of Ashurada." Lakeley's nervous, energetic figure was brac ed, his light blue eyes brightened by the intensity of his interest.

"If this news comes before the Easter recess," he went on, "the first nall gan to shoot. Murphy decided to try 'twill be a nail in Sefborough's coffin."

possibilities had suddenly opened before him. In a moment the unreality of the past months had become real; a tangible justification of himself and the pistol and off tumbled the cigar he is crying inside, who can smile when he feels badly, has a great nesible. In the stress of understanding

For a space Lakeley made no remark. him, but at last his own irrepressible said he also shot a cherry out of a activity made silence unendurable. He customer's cocktail glass. caught up his pencil and tapped impatiently on the desk.

a gleam of sudden anxiety, "you're not phy. by any chance doubtful of yourself?" At sound of his voice Loder lifted his face. It was quite pale again, but the energy and resolution that had come into it when Lakeley first spoke were

still to be seen. "No, Lakeley," he said very slowly, "It's not the sort of moment in which Jumps Through Window, Alighting on a man doubts himself."

TO BE CONTINUED.

AWAKES AFTER YEAR'S SLEEP.

James L. Cross at Last "Sits Up and Takes Notice" of Things.

Newport News, Va .- After being in a state of semi-consciousness for more than 12 months, James L. Cross, a young man who lives with his parents in this city, has regained his memory and is able to sit up in bed and recog nize his parents. A successful operation was performed upon the patient, and he is now fairly on the road to

recovery. About a year ago young Cross, while at work in the shipyard, fell and fractured his skull. He lay at the point of death for some time, and as days, weeks and months passed by he improved very slowly. He never seemed to be fully conscious, slept most of the time, and often was roused to take nourishment only with great difficulty.

Recently the young man's case attracted the attention of several physicians, who came to the conclusion that an operation was necessary to restore the patient's memory and health, if not to save his life. The boy's parents were unable to bear the expense of hospital treatment, but he was placed in a hospital as a city patient. and there the doctors performed the operation. A piece of bone about three-quarters of an inch square was removed from the skull, relieving the pressure upon the brain which had caused the patient's stupor.

After the operation Cross sat up in bed and recognized his anxious relatives. His mind seems to be restored to normal, and he is now able to tell just how the accident which robbed him of his faculties occurred.

Plant Produces Oil.

At a recent meeting of the Botanical Society of America, specimens of a new oil-producing plant from Venezuela were exhibited. The oil resembles that of sandalwood, and is already known to commerce, but the plant has hitherto remained undescribed. It proves to be a new genus of the rue family, to which the common prickly ash belongs, and it has ling yell, doubled and tried to jump been named Schimmelia, after a Gerout again. But in his flight of eximan botanist, who first distilled the his body came in contact with the arematic of from its wood.

# COW PUNCHER SHOOTS

Knocks Ashes From Saloonkeeper's Cigar and Does Other Stunts Not Relished by Tenderfeet.

of August F. Schmidt and tried to conform to the quiet ways of the

But the other night the spirit of the ranch-and, perhaps other kinds of spirits-awakened in him a desire for a real western time, and he startout to "shoot up the town." He buckled on a cartridge belt and chucked a long barreled pistol in the holster.

His "whoop" as he entered the sa oon of Schmidt acted like the gust of a tornado. A score of customers rushed to shelter as though blown there. Murphy flourished his revolver and declared that he was the "cracklest shot that ever cracked." Then he be



Crack! Went the Pistol and Off Tumbled the Ashes.

can be hammered in on the motion for his marksmanship on Schmidt. adjournment. And if the right man schmidt had a lighted cigar in his does it in the right way I'll lay my life mouth.

"Hold still and let me knock your Loder sat very still. Overwhelming ashes off for you," roared Murphy Schmidt, afraid of being shot if he disobeyed, stood as quietly as extreme agitation would allow. Crack! went

"Now for a lock of your hair," he, too, leaned forward, and, resting laughed Murphy, and again the pistol who believes the sun shines when he his elbows on the desk, took his face spoke nipping several hairs from the cannot see it. A potted rose in a winterrified saloon-keeper's head.

"This is a corking shooting gallery," To him man and man's moods came said the cowboy, turning his weapon second in interest to his paper and his at other objects. He picked off away from the darkness and lifts its party politics. That Chilcote should be glasses, chopped the heads off bottles, conscious of the glories he had opened shot out the sunburst designs in the up seemed only natural; that he should cut glass mirrors, broke the light show that consciousness in a becoming globes, and when he had finished his gravity seemed only right. For some fusillade there was hardly a whole seconds he made no attempt to disturb piece of glass in the place. Schmidt

Meantime a customer had telephoned to a police station, and two "Chilcote," he said quickly and with policemen arrived and arrested Mur-

# BOBCAT ENDS POKER GAME OF LUMBERMEN

37-cent Jackpot-Animal Is Soon Put to Death.

Blackville, N. B .- Some lumbermen ogging in a camp a dozen miles west of here received a shock a few nights ago when a bobcat leaped through a closed window and alighted in the middle of a group intent upon a game of draw poker. The light through the glass attracted the animal.

The men, five in number, were seated about a round table engressed in winning a jackpot containing the unprecedented wealth of 37 cents. A chopper known by his companions as "Seedy Bill" held three tens and had just raised Sandy Small, who held three nines, two cents, the limit. The other three had dropped out



The Bob Cat Crashed Through the

Window.

and were watching the game when the glass crashed and in came the cat just as Sandy was thoughfully finger ing a small pile of seed beans which represented one cent each. There was nothing in the kitty.

It is needless to explain that the advent of the bobcat caused intense excitement. He struck the exact cen ter of the table, emitted a blood-curd head of "Seedy Bill," who had leaged

to his feet, and the feline bounded against the smoldering back log in the THINGS IN NEW YORK freplace. Singed hair and scorched paws added to the discomfiture, and around the room he went like a tabby

selzed with a fit. The men grabbed chairs, axes, stove-wood used in the mershouse range and other implements and got after the feline, which was far more New York.—Recently there came to | terrified than they were surprised, and this city from a ranch in Arizona after the contents of the room had lames H. Murphy, a cow puncher. He been pretty well wrecked a blow on hired a room directly above the saloon the head put him out of business. "Seedy Bill" took the jackpot.

CHINESE CRUSOES IN PORT.

Put to Sea on a Raft, Leaving Comrades on Desert Isle.

Singapore.-The Nam Sang, artred here from Hong Kong, picked up three emaciated Chinese coolies on a bamboo raft. The men, who are very thin, say that a month ago they sailed from Singapore in a junk, the persons on the craft numbering eight all told. Everything went well till their voy

age had been a week in progress, and then one morning a terrible storm arose and their vessel was whirled before it like a cork.

After driving before the gale for some hours the junk suddenly went to pieces on a small island and with good at the bottom all over again."—Judge. luck they all managed to get ashore though they were severely bruised and battered in the surf.

For two weeks the eight men remained on the island, eating shellfish and drinking water caught in the crevices of rocks. As no sail hove in sight, three of the most daring decided to build a raft and put to sea in the hope of drifting into the track | Chicago Daily News.

With the aid of their comrades the three adventurers built a raft out of giant bamboos, which grew in profusion on the island, and with a stock of dried fish and a little water put to see one day amid the farewell shouts of their less daring comrades.

For six days the buoyant bamboo raft drifted steadily away from the island without a single sail appearing on the horizon, and as their stock of food and water was gone the men pre-

pared to die. On the evening of the sixth day, however, smoke was seen on the borizon and then the hull of a steamer came into view making right for the castaways.

The coolles say that they believe their five comrades on the lonely island to be still alive, but they can not give its position.

Turn Your Face to the Sun. A man who can laugh outside when complishment. We all love the one dow will turn its face away from the darkness toward the light. Turn it as often as you will, it always turns face upward toward the sun.-Suc-

The Brute. She always addressed him as Mr.
Until he took courage and Kr.
But now that they're wed
Like a brute he has said
That he wishes to goodness he'd Mr.
-Pearson's Weekly.

No Wonder Foote Lighte-And you say she can't believe a thing her husband

Miss Sue Brette-Certainly she Her husband is her press Is the Female Department of the Order. It requires a membership of agent!-Yonkers Statesman. thirty persons to organize a court. Its members are pledged to exhibit

Poverty and Wealth. Miss De Pretty-I was out riding to day with Mr. Swellhead, the editor of the Hightone Magazine. Poor Author (rival suitor)-Did he

-N. Y. Weekly. The Usual Way.

pay for the rig in postage stamps?

"Does your father keep an auto

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when it happens to be in running order."-Judge Not So Bad.

"I hope you don't feel nervous.

"I am a little uneasy, William, but I'm not so horribly scared yet that I've got to claim I ain't afraid."-Life.

NOTES ABOUT BRIDGES.

The famous Niagara suspension bridge was begun in 1852 and completed in 1855. It is 245 feet above the water and 821 feet long.

The Forth bridge over the Firth of orth, near Edinburgh, has two cantilever spans each 1,710 feet in length the longest in the world. The total length of this structure is one and four-sevenths miles, and there was 51. 900 tons of steel used in its construchim, except in the presence of a third

One of the most peculiar bridges in the world is the tubular suspension bridge across Menai strait. This bridge consists of two lines of im mense tubing, each 1,500 feet long. supported by three granite towers be sides the shore abutments. This strange bridge is 100 feet above the sea, and weighs 11,000 tons.

There have been several London bridges. There was one at the end of the tenth century, and another in 1014 built of wood. In 1176 Colechurch be gan a stone bridge across the Thames which was not finished until 1209. The new London bridge was begun in 1824 and completed in seven years at the cost of one and a half million dollars.

One of Many. Mr. De Dude-Cawn't I intwoduce to you my fwiend Arthur Wemingon? He is a litewawy man, you

Miss De Belle-Indeed! Mr. De Dude-Aw, yes. He se-Society News a list of the gue the last pahty, and the editah ted it, bah Jove!-N. Y. Week!

WHEN WOMEN QUARREL.

"You know how I despised her. I have had my revenge." "Gracious, Katherine! I hope you have done nothing desperate?"

"Merciful goodness! You haven't killed her, have you?" "No, but listen. I laughed at her

"Yes, I have done my worst."

"And her waist."

"Gracious!" "And ridiculed the hang of her BEFORE skirt."

"My!" "And, to make my revenge complete, made faces at her baby. Now, who can say I did not get even?"-Chicago Daily News.

A Faulty Theory. Do you know what I believe about mystical eyes and the straggling whis-

What do you believe about yourself?" mechanically asked the weary listener

tion of Napoleon." "Nonsense! No matter how much confidence Napoleon had in many he wouldn't have wanted to start in he wouldn't have wanted to start in S

Two Failures

Homely Man-I married for beauty. Sarsactle Man-You remind me of a friend of mine who married for

Homely Man-How's that? Sarcastle Man-He didn't get it .-

The Fly and the Flea.

Domestic Amenities. He-It's absolutely useless to argue further-you know that. My will is Call and see me and you shall be waited

or :indiy. She-Yes, I know-pig-iron.-London Opinion.

apply at the main office.

Didn't Suit Her.

The Judge-Where's your wife? The Prisoner-At home, your honor Wasn't she subpoenned also to be

"Yes, your honor." "Well, why d'da't she come?" "She heard that a person was no allowed to talk only when spoken to in court, your honor!"-Yonkers

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And now that they have fallen in

ove with each other, and are engaged

to be married, she is afraid to meet

person, lest she be compromised. For

"How is it that you and your hus-

"When he married me he said that

all I would have to do would be to

"And now he gets angry because you can not do it?"—Houston Post

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